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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 17, 2008, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the comments and amendments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.